



DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSING REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION
3 Capitol Hill, Conference Room 401, Providence, RI 02908

May 9, 2016 @ 8:45 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jessica Brier
Lynn Blanchette
Diane Blier
Wendy Chicoine
Maria Ducharme
Kathleen Heren
Joanne Matthew
Karen Matook
Maria Pezzillo
Roberta Powell
Maria Ross
Betty Sadaniantz
Delores Walters

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Margaret Clifton, Director of Nursing
Colleen McCarthy, Senior Legal Counsel
Julie Sacks, Senior Legal Counsel

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dayle Joseph, NEIT
Mary Sullivan, URI
Mary Barlas, LTI
Eleanor Clapprood, NPARI
Linda McDonald, UNAP
Hilary Jansson, CCRI
Jean Marie Rocha, HARI

1) Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was held on Monday, May 9, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:51 am.

2) Presentation of the April 11, 2016 Open Session Meeting Minutes

The April 11, 2016, minutes were reviewed and it was noted that the spelling was incorrect for Member Wendy Chicoine which will be amended. Motion was made by Joanne Matthew and

seconded by Diane Blier to accept the minutes once amended. The Board voted unanimously (with Members Matook, Ducharme and Heren abstaining since they were not in attendance at the April 11, 2016, meeting) to approve the amended Open Session minutes. Motion carried.

3) NURSING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- NLC Training from NCSBN has been rescheduled to June 2-3, 2016.
Director Clifton asked the Board members to notify her if they plan to attend.
- On-line application went live on 4/18/2016.
Director Clifton stated that no processing issues have been identified as of this date.
- Memo regarding DNP Project – Diane Blier
Member Diane Blier requested to complete her community project for her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). Ms. Blier asked if she could determine the compliance with CEUs upon license renewal. It was suggested she receive approval from her advisor. The Board approved her request.
- NCLEX Report distributed via e-mail
Upon reviewing the reports, Vice President Lynne Blanchette questioned the score of the University of Rhode Island (URI). Mary Sullivan, Dean of the URI Nursing program, stated that the approved plan was in place, but this small cohort had not benefited from the action plan. Changes in the program were in effect for the Fall of 2015 entering class. URI was awaiting data from Mountain Measurement.

A motion was made by Lynne Blanchette for the Board to investigate posting the NCLEX reports on the Board of Nursing website, seconded by Kathleen Heren and approved by the Board
- Enhanced Compact vote per request of the Director of Health.
There was much discussion regarding the Enhanced Compact Act currently before the Rhode Island House of Representatives involving transparency and telemedicine. A motion was made by Maria Ducharme and seconded by Maria Ross to approve the Enhanced Compact Act as is it written of today's date. All in favor, motion passed.

4) New Business and Public Comment

- *Delores Walters, Public Member to the Board, announced that today would be her last meeting. The Board thanked Delores for her service to the Board and wished her well on her move to Florida.*

5) Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Kathleen Heren and seconded by Maria Ross to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:40 am. Motion carried. President Brier read the following:

Pursuant to Sections § 42-46-4 and § 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting.

Pursuant to Sections § 42-46-4 and § 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

6) Return to Open Session

Motion was made at 1:30 p.m. by Joanne Matthews and seconded by Kathleen Heren to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

7) Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

The Board proposed action on nine (9) cases.

8) Adjournment

The next Board of Nursing Registration and Nursing Education meeting will be held Monday, June 13, 2016 at 8:45 am at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made at 1:35 p.m. by Maria Pezzillo and seconded by Betty Sadaniantz to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret L. Clifton, RN-BC, MS, CLNC

Director

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